

HOUSE RESOLUTION 156

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Reverend Dr. Cozette Garrett on being named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Reverend Dr. Cozette R. Garrett, who has been named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry by the Memphis Inter-Denominational (MID) Fellowship, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the MID Fellowship recognizes the importance of honoring those women who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields; the women recognized are judged on the basis of being a Woman of Faith, a Woman of Prayer, a Woman of Good Works, a Woman of Dedication, and a Woman of Leadership with the Courage of Esther; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the MID Fellowship requested nominations of Memphis and Shelby County women who are graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and, subsequently, selected twelve outstanding women; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Garrett is an ordained Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister who is known as a lively and informative preacher, workshop leader, and speaker; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett earned her Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary (UTS) at Dayton, Ohio, a Master of Divinity degree from Memphis Theological Seminary (MTS), and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves with distinction as an MTS adjunct professor of pastoral care; she formerly served as the program director of the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence

Program, an MTS Lilly Endowment Inc. grant, where she took the honor of supporting more than 100 diverse clergy; and

WHEREAS, a retired senior pastor, Dr. Garrett has served as both a trained hospital and hospice chaplain; for the past twenty years, she has served in both staff and volunteer positions at several churches, including her present home church, Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, an acclaimed author, Dr. Garrett has published two books: *Diamond Discoveries of a Woman Preacher: A Word for Female Clergy and Those Wanting to Understand Them* and *Comparisons: Poems that Reflect the Earthly and the Divine*; and

WHEREAS, she is most grateful for the love and support of her husband of more than forty years, her two young adult daughters, Dana D. Garrett and Marloe Garrett Mackie, and her cherished grandchildren, Charlie David and Clarke Elizabeth Mackie; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Dr. Garrett be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate Reverend Dr. Cozette Garrett on being honored by the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc., as one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry of 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.